



Award Nominations 2006

TO: Nebraska Minority Public Health Association Members and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Marilyn McGary, President

SUBJECT: Minority Health Conference 2006 Award Nominations

The annual Nebraska Minority Health Conference honors outstanding organizations and individuals with recognition awards. We encourage you to nominate anyone who should be recognized for their work with racial/ethnic minorities. Award nominations should fall in the following categories:

- The **Mrs. Joyce Harrison Memorial Award** recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving racial/ethnic minority health services in Nebraska.
- The **Outstanding Minority Health Community-Based Program Award** recognizes a community-based program which promotes the development or provides more effective community-oriented minority health care services.
- The **Outstanding Minority Health Service Provider Award** is to honor a service provider for leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to racial/ethnic minority populations.

Nomination forms for each award are enclosed. They may also be downloaded at www.hhss.ne.gov/minorityhealth. Nomination forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2006. Mail nomination forms to Debbi Barnes-Josiah, Office of Family Health, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007, or submit entire nomination by email to debora.barnesjosiah@hhss.ne.gov.

The final decision regarding award recipients will be announced by the Nebraska Minority Health Conference Award Committee at the conference on October 31, 2006. Materials submitted will not be returned.

About the Nebraska Minority Public Health Association...

The Nebraska Minority Public Health Association (NeMPHA) was formed as an outcome of the 1997 Minority Health Conference as a not-for-profit corporation committed to providing leadership that results in a better quality of life for racial/ethnic minorities in Nebraska. To achieve its mission, NeMPHA works toward the following goals:

- **Advocacy** – To advocate and solicit funding for the development of effective health promotion and risk reduction strategies and services/programs for racially and ethnically diverse communities.
- **Empowerment** – To empower the racial/ethnic minority community by strengthening indigenous leadership by ensuring representation in the membership and committees of the association; sponsoring workshops, forums and conferences; conducting briefing sessions with public officials and the media; and providing technical assistance to providers in their efforts to develop and achieve their goals and conduct fund raising.

Membership in NeMPHA is open to any person interested in advocating for the health of racial/ethnic minority communities including (but not limited to) physicians, dentists, nurses, dietitians, health planners, teachers, health educators, administrators, environmentalists, legislators, health researchers, students, and consumer advocates.

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MRS. JOYCE HARRISON MEMORIAL AWARD Minority Health Individual Award

This award recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving racial/ethnic minority health services in Nebraska. Factors taken into consideration include advocating for compassionate and comprehensive health care services in communities of color, collaboration and multi-disciplinary teamwork, continuous direct and effective involvement in the racial/ethnic minority community that enhances the quality of life in his/her home area, is an influential role model to racial/ethnic minorities, involvement in education, and provides lasting contribution to the racial/ethnic minority health care system.

Nominee: _____

Position: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Office): _____ (Home): _____

Nominee's Contribution to Minority Health Care:

Please describe the nominee's accomplishments and the significance of their work to minority health. A ONE page biographical sketch should be attached. You may also attach news articles and other documentation supportive of this nomination.

Nominated by: _____

(Please include name, phone number, and email address.)

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Outstanding Community-Based Program

This award recognizes a community-based program which promotes the development of or provides more effective community-oriented minority health care services. Factors taken into consideration include effective networking; promoting compassionate and caring outreach to the racial/ethnic minority community on a continuing basis; community involvement leading to improved access to care and enhancement of quality of life; providing role models to the racial/ethnic minority community members, colleagues, and other health professionals; promoting health education and prevention, particularly in communities of color; and addressing cultural and linguistic needs.

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Nominee's Position: _____

Nominee's Organization: _____

Phone (Office): _____ (Home): _____

Counties Affected by Nominee's Work: _____

Nominee's Contribution to Minority Health Care:

Please describe the significance of this community-based program. In what ways have racial/ethnic minority people benefited? Include: history, funding, types of service provided, staffing, and interaction with community. You may attach news articles, etc. in support of this nomination.

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Outstanding Service Provider Award

Awardee is a direct service provider honored for leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to racial/ethnic minority populations. Factors taken into consideration include provision of outstanding direct health care with compassion, comprehensive and caring services; involvement in racial/ethnic minority affairs and activities of the community that enhance quality of life in the community; involvement in education; promotes inter-disciplinary health care delivery; contributes support leading to improvement of racial/ethnic minority health; and provides lasting contributions to the minority health care system.

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